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Chapter 11 Debtor and Debtor in Possession,
KOMBU KITCHEN SF LLC, dba NIBLL

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – LOS ANGELES DIVISION

In re:

KOMBU KITCHEN SF, LLC, dba NIBLL,
a California limited liability company,

Debtor and Debtor In Possession.

Case No. 2:23-bk-17276-SK

Chapter 11

Subchapter V

**DECLARATION OF KEVEN
THIBEAULT REGARDING POST-
PETITION FINANCING ON AN
UNSECURED BASIS (JULY 2024)**

[No Hearing Required]

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DECLARATION OF KEVEN THIBEAULT

I, Keven Thibeault, hereby declare:

1. I am an individual over the age of eighteen and CEO of KOMBU KITCHEN SF, LLC, dba NIBLL, the Chapter 11 Debtor and Debtor in Possession (the "Debtor") herein. Each of the facts contained in this declaration is based upon my personal knowledge and, if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto.

2. The Debtor commenced this Bankruptcy Case by filing a petition for relief under Chapter 11, Subchapter V, of the Bankruptcy Code on November 1, 2023 (the "Petition Date"). The Debtor continues to carry out its business operations and manage its financial affairs as a Debtor in Possession pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 1107 and 1108. No trustee, examiner, or committee has been appointed in the Bankruptcy Case.

3. I submit this declaration setting forth the funds advanced to the Debtor from my wife and me, which were used to fund operations and to pay critical expenses of the Debtor.

4. During the month of July 2024, the funds provided via the DIP Loan total \$24,223.79. A summary and detailed list of the critical and operation expenses paid is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed this 21 day of August 2024, at San Francisco, California.



KEVEN THIBEAULT

EXHIBIT 1

Advances June 2024

<i>Expense</i>	SUM of Amount
Bus. Travel	\$6,099.00
Business Subscription	\$19.99
Catering COGS LA	\$6,099.16
Catering COGS SF	\$1,730.17
Education	\$830.00
Kitchen Repairs	\$1,514.09
Marketing	\$3,508.50
Meals and Entertainment	\$1,102.41
Office Equipment	\$2,529.83
Parking	\$114.50
Test Kitchen Office Rent	\$6,475.00
Transportation	\$500.00
Transportation - Fuel	\$114.12
Travel Meals	\$1,002.41
Utilities	\$617.63
Grand Total	\$32,256.81
Fairmont COGS (Costco Receipts)	\$1,965.92
Total with Estimated Citi Receipts	\$34,222.73

Detail of Advances

June 2024

Date	Desc	Amount	Expense
6/1/2024	SoCal Gas	70.09	Utilities
6/1/2024	SoCal Edison Electric	219.18	Utilities
6/1/2024	Mouton Water	51.45	Utilities
6/1/2024	Cox Internet	143.23	Utilities
6/1/2024	Test Kitchen Office Rent	6475.00	Test Kitchen Office Rent
06/15/2024	GOOGLE *Perplexity AI	19.99	Business Subscription
06/06/2024	AMZ 111-0469978-1730662	78.1	Catering COGS LA
06/05/2024	AMZ 113-5056616-9490638	70.9	Catering COGS LA
06/14/2024	AMZ 113-5115738-9697067	35.19	Catering COGS LA
06/05/2024	AMZ 113-6932410-4773047	137.9	Catering COGS LA
06/24/2024	AMZ 113-9077820-2066638	1467.5	Catering COGS LA
06/19/2024	AMZ 114-4149029-4837858	69.5	Catering COGS LA
06/19/2024	AMZ 114-6359716-8047433	157.32	Catering COGS LA
06/19/2024	AMZ 114-9136019-1103465	18.31	Catering COGS LA
06/02/2024	SHERWIN WILLIAMS 708661	35.29	Kitchen Repairs
06/03/2024	THE HOME DEPOT 1077	80.72	Kitchen Repairs
06/06/2024	AMZN Mktp US*591C29PR3	35.45	Catering COGS LA
06/06/2024	AMZN Mktp US*ST3T926F3	29.73	Catering COGS LA
06/09/2024	Amazon.com*B997P1EI3	120	Catering COGS LA
06/11/2024	AMZN Mktp US*CE9ZG9Z93	236.33	Catering COGS LA
06/12/2024	AMZN Mktp US*6H8G23IA3	27.36	Catering COGS LA
06/12/2024	AMZN Mktp US*BT46R2OQ3	4.77	Catering COGS LA
06/16/2024	AMAZON MKTPL*QJ00D5U23	35.19	Catering COGS LA
06/21/2024	AMAZON MKTPL*0G7EP7943	30.16	Catering COGS LA
06/23/2024	AMZNPrime DE*HF2240YD4	9.64	Catering COGS LA
06/23/2024	Amazon Prime*HF3EL1YX4	11.4	Catering COGS LA
06/26/2024	Amazon.com*RG71A3UP2	1467.5	Catering COGS LA
06/30/2024	THE HOME DEPOT 8988	398.08	Kitchen Repairs
06/04/2024	AMAZON MARKETPLACE SEATTLE WA	27.94	Catering COGS LA
06/26/2024	THE WEBSTAURANT STOR(717)392-7472 PA	108.78	Catering COGS LA
06/02/2024	RCHRIS	300	Meals and Entertainment
06/01/2024	USH ONLINE	1666	Marketing
06/02/2024	MOZAMBIQUE RESTAURANTS LL	242.58	Travel Meals
06/02/2024	76 - NW2705743 NTB SOC	114.12	Transportation - Fuel
06/02/2024	IC* INSTACART	234.23	Catering COGS LA

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June 2024

Date	Desc	Amount	Expense
06/02/2024	RALPHS #0755	50.97	Catering COGS LA
06/05/2024	RESTAURANT DEPOT	417.21	Catering COGS LA
06/07/2024	JORDAN MARKET	36.03	Catering COGS LA
06/07/2024	JORDAN MARKET	65.09	Catering COGS LA
06/10/2024	WAL-MART #2527	829.57	Catering COGS SF
06/11/2024	THE FAIRMONT	1045.99	Bus. Travel
06/11/2024	THE BOILING CRAB	668.94	Travel Meals
06/11/2024	THE BOILING CRAB	30.94	Travel Meals
06/11/2024	THE BOILING CRAB	26.43	Travel Meals
06/11/2024	THE BOILING CRAB	33.52	Travel Meals
06/15/2024	NAMALE RESORT	450	Education
06/16/2024	IC* RALPHS VIA INSTACA	494.09	Catering COGS LA
06/17/2024	TICKETS HW	1431.5	Marketing
06/17/2024	RESTAURANT DEPOT	148.64	Catering COGS LA
06/18/2024	IC* RALPHS VIA INSTACA	216.9	Catering COGS LA
06/18/2024	LAPHIL HWBOWL WEB	411	Marketing
06/18/2024	TICKETS PARKING	114.5	Parking
06/18/2024	SMART AND FINAL 925	15.18	Catering COGS LA
06/21/2024	FAIRMONT HOTELS	3453.24	Bus. Travel
06/24/2024	THE FAIRMONT	394.65	Meals and Entertainment
06/25/2024	MEAT ON OCEAN	407.76	Meals and Entertainment
06/25/2024	RESTAURANT DEPOT	53.06	Catering COGS LA
06/25/2024	SMART AND FINAL 925	41.16	Catering COGS LA
06/26/2024	RESTAURANT DEPOT	147.63	Catering COGS LA
06/30/2024	PLUMBING REPAIR	1,000.00	Kitchen Repairs
04/30/2024	DION TRANSPORT	250.00	Transportation
03/26/2024	DION TRANSPORT	250.00	Transportation
06/03/2024	ALASKA AIR 0272372066784SEATTLE WA	582.19	Bus. Travel
06/03/2024	ALASKA AIR SEATTLE WA	35.98	Bus. Travel
06/06/2024	AMERICAN AI 0010652949174PHOENIX AZ	322.5	Bus. Travel
06/06/2024	AMERICAN AI 0012148360688PHOENIX AZ	332.95	Bus. Travel
05/31/2024	CRR INCORPORATED 714-8906300 CA	133.69	Utilities
06/28/2024	IC* COSTCO BY INSTACAR WWW.COSTCO.COCA	340.32	Catering COGS SF
06/21/2024	MASTERMIND.COM HTTPSMASTERMIAZ	380	Education
05/28/2024	UBER TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	30.97	Bus. Travel

Detail of Advances

June 2024

Date	Desc	Amount	Expense
05/18/2024	UBER TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	10.66	Bus. Travel
05/18/2024	UBER TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	16.37	Bus. Travel
05/18/2024	UBER TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	2	Bus. Travel
05/15/2024	UBER TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	26.33	Bus. Travel
05/14/2024	UBER TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	37.95	Bus. Travel
05/13/2024	UBER TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	5.19	Bus. Travel
05/13/2024	UBER TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	34.62	Bus. Travel
05/13/2024	UBER TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	48	Bus. Travel
05/12/2024	UBER TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	35.59	Bus. Travel
05/12/2024	UBER TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	12.98	Bus. Travel
05/12/2024	UBER TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	42.5	Bus. Travel
06/10/2024	UBER TRIP* TRIP WWW.UBER.COM CA	22.99	Bus. Travel
05/11/2024	WAL-MART #2206 LAGUNA NIGUELCA	208.56	Office Equipment
06/29/2024	WALMART.COM 8009256278 800-966-6546 AR	560.28	Catering COGS SF
06/28/2024	WALMART.COM 8009256278 800-966-6546 AR	2321.27	Office Equipment
Costco Receipts for June			
06/06/2024	Costco	118.32	Retail COGS Campus Cafe
06/06/2024	Costco	251.80	Retail COGS Campus Cafe
06/06/2024	Costco	251.80	Retail COGS Campus Cafe
06/06/2024	Costco	89.90	Retail COGS Campus Cafe
06/10/2024	Costco	213.90	Retail COGS Campus Cafe
06/20/2024	Costco	284.80	Retail COGS Campus Cafe
06/24/2024	Costco	377.70	Retail COGS Campus Cafe
06/27/2024	Costco	377.70	Retail COGS Campus Cafe
	TOTAL	<u>34,222.73</u>	

PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:
11766 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 730, Los Angeles, CA 90025

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (*specify*): **Declaration of Keven Thibeault Regarding Post-Petition Financing on an Unsecured Basis (July 2024)** will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:

1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (*date*) August 21, 2024, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

See attached NEF service list.

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2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL:

On (*date*) _____, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (*state method for each person or entity served*): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on (*date*) August 21, 2024, I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

Honorable Sandra R. Klein (Via Priority Mail)
United States Bankruptcy Judge
255 E. Temple St., Bin outside of Suite 1582
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

August 21, 2024
Date

Martha E. Araki
Printed Name

/s/ Martha E. Araki
Signature

In re Kombu Kitchen SF LLC

Case No. 2:23-bk-17276-SK

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